

giving gifts of money or food to help those in need. This year, many American Muslims have reached out to the victims of Hurricanes Katrina, Rita, and Wilma and to those affected by the devastating earthquake in South Asia. Their contributions have been generous and reflect the important values shared by all Americans.

Our Nation is blessed to count many Muslims among our fellow citizens. As Americans, we share a commitment to family, a belief in God's justice and man's moral responsibility, and hope for a future of peace and tolerance.

Laura and I send our best wishes for a joyful celebration. Eid Mubarak.

**George W. Bush**

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### **Digest of Other White House Announcements**

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The following list includes the President's public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

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#### **October 29**

In the morning, at Camp David, MD, the President had an intelligence briefing.

#### **October 30**

In the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush returned to Washington, DC.

In the evening, in the Rotunda at the U.S. Capitol, the President and Mrs. Bush participated in a wreath-laying ceremony and attended the public viewing of Rosa Parks, who lay in state until her funeral on November 2.

#### **October 31**

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. He then had a telephone conversation with President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva of Brazil.

In the afternoon, in the Old Family Dining Room, the President had a working lunch

with Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi of Italy.

Later in the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President had a meeting with activist Charm Tong of Burma.

#### **November 1**

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing and a briefing on hurricane recovery efforts. He then traveled to Bethesda, MD. Later, he returned to Washington, DC.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President met with Chairman Donald E. Powell of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

The President announced his intention to nominate Steven A. Browning to be Ambassador to Uganda.

The President announced his intention to nominate Jeanine E. Jackson to be Ambassador to Burkina Faso.

The President announced his intention to appoint Lisette M. Mondello as a member of the Board of Trustees of the American Folklife Center.

#### **November 2**

In the morning, the President had a breakfast meeting with Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, Senate Majority Whip Mitch McConnell, Speaker of the House of Representatives J. Dennis Hastert, and House Majority Whip Roy Blunt to discuss legislative priorities.

Later in the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. He then met with the National Security Council. Later, he met with Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld.

In the afternoon, on the South Lawn, the President and Mrs. Bush participated in an arrival ceremony for Prince Charles of Wales and Duchess Camilla of Cornwall from the United Kingdom. Later, they hosted a luncheon.

#### **November 3**

In the morning, the President and Mrs. Bush traveled to Mar del Plata, Argentina, arriving in the evening.

The President announced his intention to nominate Mark Acton to be a Commissioner of the Postal Rate Commission.

The President announced his intention to nominate Kristie A. Kenney to be Ambassador to the Philippines.

The President announced his intention to nominate Robert Weisberg to be Ambassador to the Republic of the Congo.

The President announced his intention to nominate John L. Palmer and Thomas R. Saving to be members of the Boards of Trustees of the Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Trust Fund and the Federal Disability Insurance Trust Fund, the Federal Hospital Insurance Trust Fund, and the Federal Supplementary Medical Insurance Trust Fund.

The President announced his intention to appoint the following individuals as members of the Cultural Property Advisory Committee: Willard Lee Boyd; Jay I. Kislak; Nancy Clausen Wilkie; and James Wright Willis.

The President announced that he has named Stephen S. McMillin as Deputy Assistant to the President and Adviser to the Chief of Staff.

The President announced that he has named Douglas B. Baker as Special Assistant to the President and Director of Border and Transportation Security.

The President announced that he has named Rudy Fernandez as Special Assistant to the President for Intergovernmental Affairs.

The President announced that he has named Daniel W. Fisk as Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director for Western Hemisphere Affairs.

The President announced that he has named Meghan L. O'Sullivan as Special Assistant to the President and Deputy National Security Adviser for Iraq and Afghanistan.

The President announced that he has named Matthew Scott Robinson as Special Assistant to the President for Speechwriting.

The President announced that he has named Stephen B. Slick as Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director for Intelligence Programs and Reform.

## **November 4**

In the morning, at the Sheraton Mar del Plata, the President met with President Abel Pacheco of Costa Rica, President Elias Antonio Saca Gonzalez of El Salvador, President Oscar Berger of Guatemala, President Ricardo Maduro of Honduras, President Enrique Bolanos of Nicaragua, and President Leonel Fernandez Reyna of the Dominican Republic to discuss the Dominican Republic-Central America-United States Free Trade Agreement (CAFTA).

Later in the morning, the President went to the Hermitage Hotel, where he met with President Nestor Kirchner of Argentina. Later, at the Sheraton Mar del Plata, he met with leaders of Andean nations.

In the afternoon, the President met with President Ricardo Lagos of Chile. Later, he and Mrs. Bush went to the Teatro Auditorium at the Casino Central de Mar del Plata, where they participated in the opening ceremony of the Summit of the Americas.

Later in the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush returned to the Hermitage Hotel, where he participated in a group photo. He then participated in a plenary session of the Summit of the Americas.

In the evening, the President and Mrs. Bush went to the Casino Central de Mar del Plata, where they attended a formal dinner. Later, they returned to the Sheraton Mar del Plata.

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## **Nominations Submitted to the Senate**

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The following list does not include promotions of members of the Uniformed Services, nominations to the Service Academies, or nominations of Foreign Service officers.

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### **Submitted November 1**

Ben S. Bernanke, of New Jersey, to be a member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System for a term of 14 years from February 1, 2006, vice Alan Greenspan, term expiring.